

PUBLIC TROUBLE AND SCANDAL IN THE CITY OF NATCHEZ.

We have from a gentleman direct from Natchez, that a public dinner and illumination took place at Natchez, on Monday the 26th of February, in honor of the transfer of the stock of the State from the Planter's Bank to the Mississippi Rail Road Company. A meeting of the Stockholders of the Planter's Bank was held on that day, at which James C. Wilkins presided, and Julius A. Lyle acted as Secretary. A majority of the stock of the Planter's Bank was represented, and the meeting unanimously assented to transfer.

A dinner took place during the day at Parker's southern Exchange, where a large concourse of the citizens of Natchez were present. General Hayne, and Mr. Josselyn, of Lafayette county invited guests, addressed the meeting in response to appropriate toasts—as did also Gen. Quitman, Col. Bingham, Judge Turner, Messrs. Armat, Muchison and Melton. The greatest hilarity prevailed on the occasion and a general feeling for the prosperity of Natchez, Direct Trade and Commercial Independence pervaded the minds of all. Numerous regular and volunteer toasts, of a spirit stirring nature, were drunk amid rapturous applause and delight.

In the evening, the joy of the citizens of Natchez was fully displayed by the illumination of the city in a magnificent style. The light shone out from almost every window, and the reflection which was thus cast upon the busy throng who flock'd the streets, was more fully reflected by the burning of tar-barrels, large bills of cotton soaked in turpentine, the display of fire-works, and the shooting of sky-rockets in the open air. The Fair Tavern and Courtney's offices, were decorated with beautiful transparencies in commemoration of the event, and at every prominent part of the city some device emblematical of the general joy was strikingly observed. "The sun of the prosperity of Natchez is dawning," "Quitman and the Representatives of the city of Natchez and Adams county." Through to New York in five days," and a hundred other mottoes were inscribed in the various transparencies which added a bright ray in the chapter of Natchez's fame. "The Mississippi Rail Road forever!" was in every body's mouth, and seemed to inspire young and old, that our rich cotton State is bound to go ahead in the good work of Internal improvements, gloriously commenced. The \$2,000,000 impetus thus given to the Mississippi Rail Road will enable the Company to complete their enterprise as far as Canton in Madison county in the course of a year or two. To the indomitable energy of Judge Quitman, the President of the Company, the State owes much, and under his auspices the undertaking cannot fail to flourish. May the whole scheme be crowned with triumphant success.—[Yazoo City Whig.]

It is surprising that men who have been honored by the confidence of the people reposed in them, should demean themselves as many of the members of Congress do. We ask, and confidently too, what earthly benefit such men us the Hon. J. Q. Adams, and Henry A. Wise are to their constituents, or the country at large. The first named is either growing about some fanatical movement of the Abolitionists, or taking up the time of the House in discussing some decision of the Chair as to a question of order; the other will take up the whole in the delivery of a long rigmarole about some matter which has existence in the mind of no one but himself, or those equally mad. These two men are political nuisances, and ought to be abated. They interfere with the business of the House, and by their loquacity, delay its action upon matters which are intrinsically of moment to the community at large. At the last session of Congress, if we recollect aright, Mr. Adams spoke for eighteen consecutive days, which at the daily expenses of the House, (\$3,000) his speech, independently of its interruption of business, cost the nation the neat little sum of Fifty Four Thousand dollars. In the name of all the God's at once, are such things to be tolerated? Nearly a month taken up in discussing a matter with which Congress has no more to do, than has the Emperor of Russia with the inhabitants of Sandwich Islands! Such a state of things demands of the people a correction, for if they be acquiesced in, then Congress should adopt the ranting and inflammatory doctrines of the fanatics of the North, as their guides and disregard the solemn oaths which bind them to the performance of their duty. As yet not a single law has been enacted. The Whigs and the Conservatives, their sworn confederates, not only refuse to act with the Democrats, but will not propose any measure of their own. For all the good which has been done at this session, it would have been better if Congress had not assembled. We hope, however, that the members of the House will speedily address themselves to something which is of importance with their constituents.—[Baltimore Rep.]

ANTI-SLAVERY PUBLICATION.

MARRIED.—On the eleventh inst., Mr. Amos F. was aged 14 years to Miss Clara Powers aged 70.

By Pickling Pork most people try
To save their Pork for bacon,
But Clara shows the people why
They all may be mistaken.

Her Pork was getting old to keep,
She sought loves good strong Pickle;
And her family's taste took a leap
And lost her Pork in Pickle.

BACKWOODS BARD.

Go it my heart—, if your indecent
Circumlocutions will bear you out in the
notious acts of conjugating the bombastic
superfluities of my philological imbecilities.

B. BARD.

ARKANSAS ELOQUENCE.

We'll get the following sample of an Arkansas lawyer's eloquence against any thing you can bring from the West. As to the business of his reasoning we say nothing, but as to its conclusiveness we defy any one to find it a match. His client was brought up for stealing a mule. After the witnesses had all been sworn, and the lawyer on the other side had given his opinion, our orator gave the jury the following blast:

"Gentlemen of the jury, the whole of you there you set. You have all heard what those witnesses have said, and of course you agree with me that my client didn't steal that mule. Do you suppose, for one second, that he would steal a mule, a low-lived mule! D——n clear of it.—What does he want of a mule when he has got a bang-up pony like that tied to your tree! (pointing to a fine looking Mustang, opposite the log court-house.)—What, I say, in the name of Gen. Jackson, does he want of a mule? Nothing—exactly nothing. No, gentlemen of the jury, he didn't steal the mule—he wouldn't be caught stealing one. He never wan of a mule, he never had a mule, nor he never would have a mule about him.—He has his antipathies as well as any body, and you couldn't hire him to take a mule."

Jurymen, that lawyer on the other side has been trying to spread wool over your eyes, and stuff you up with the notion that my client walked off with the aforesaid animal without asking leave; but you are such a pack of fools as to believe him. Listen to me if you want to hear truth and reason—and while you are about it, wake up that fellow who's asleep; I want him to hear too.

That other lawyer says, too, that my client should be sent to prison. I'd like to see you send him once. But its getting towards dinner time and I want a horn-bad, so I'll give you a closer and finish. Now you have no idea of sending my client to prison—I can see that fact sticking out. Suppose either of you was in his place—suppose, for instance, I was, and you should undertake to jug me—put me in a log-jail without fire, where the wind was blowing in on one side and out of the other, and the only thing to brag of about the place was the perfectly free circulation of the air—do you suppose, I say, that I would go? I'd see you d——d first, and then I wouldn't."

We don't know what verdict the jury return, as when our informant left, they had all gone to the grocery to liquor.

FROM THE GRENADIAN.

We learn from a member of the Legislature, that the Governor has vetoed the law authorizing the Union Bank to issue five millions of post notes, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent., after it had passed both branches of the Legislature by a very large majority. The bill could have been passed by a majority of two-thirds, and become a law in defiance of the Governor, but for the absence of many of the members. That a law was passed securing to married ladies the privilege of holding and enjoying property in their own right.—That the bill to prevent private banking, after having passed both branches of the Legislature, was defeated by the stratagem of one of the members from Hinds, who being deeply interested on the Hinds County Bank, fraudulently withheld the bill from the Governor.—That Gen. Foote's liquor bill had received the signature of the Governor, and become a law, and that the author was hung in effigy by the blackguard drunks of Jackson.—That the first day of August has been fixed by the Legislature as a day of general resumption by all the banks in the State, prefixing the heaviest and severest penalties upon all that shall not have resumed. Dr. Packett, of the Brandon Bank, opposed the measure with great zeal.—That a branch of the Circuit Court has been established at Oxford in Lafayette county, for the Northern District. We hope soon to be able to lay before our readers a list of all the acts passed, and as soon thereafter as possible to print the most important of them in our paper for the benefit and gratification of our patrons.

A monkey was caught in Virginia which measured two hundred and fifty thousand feet from the nape of the neck to the root of the tail. Its tail was 900 rods long. It is said to jump higher and fall lower than any other animal of its species in the known world. His body must have been as empty as a whig editor's head.

THE RELIGIOUS.—We are requested to state that the Rev. Mr. Foster of the Episcopal Church, will preach in Holly Springs, on Sunday the 10th inst.

At a meeting of the stockholders and officers of the Hernando Railroad and Banking Company, held on Thursday the 21st Feb. 1839, at their Banking House, Edward G. Lee, was called to the chair, and Felix Johnson appointed recorder.

The object of the meeting having been explained, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we solemnly concur with the citizens of Hernando, at a meeting this day convened and in their resolutions adopted, in respect for the memory of the Hon. Peter W. Humphreys, deceased, and in further manifested respect for the memory of our late President, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the business of the institution be suspended for the space of twelve days.

EDWARD ORINE, Chairman.

Felix L. Davis, Secretary.

Hernando, Feb. 1. 1839.

AN ARKANSAS BUST.—It is becoming a very common practice now for the young gentlemen to examine the cranians of the young ladies for their special benefit in the selection of a wife. The Ploughshare Telegraph gives the following account of a professed physiologist using his knowledge of the bones in the selection of a wife to some purpose, as follows: "He had been examining the heads of the young ladies of his acquaintance, for the purpose of selecting a wife, and recently found one to his liking, and had the Gordian knot tied. A friend of his could not at first approve of his choice; but of afterwards, on finding that she had the merit of \$20,000, he became perfectly satisfied.—[Dem. Star.]

THE CANADA.—The only news we now receive from these rebellious provinces, is of the execution of American citizens who have (perhaps imprudently) been engaged in the attempt to liberate them. Many have been executed, and more were to be hung at the last advices.

Mexico, previously at war with France, might have been interested with a better prospect of success, and with an incentive to the enterprise in the vast amount of the precious metals that will reward those who succeed in capturing its metropolis. There is a fortune piece, within its walls, for the hundred thousand men who shall successfully attempt it; and it can be done with half the expense of blood that it will cost to liberate the sterile Canadas, where hard knocks are the only bounty they have to offer those who volunteer in their cause and a gallows the reward for failure.

[Arkansas Gaz.]

The Missouri Argus says Mr. Campbell, the Receiver of Public money at Springfield Mo., deposited with the Bank in St. Louis \$137,000, derived from sales of public lands within the last three months. The purchases are said to be made almost exclusively by emigrants who become small settlers of that State.

Mr. Fison has introduced into the Legislature of Ohio, a series of Resolution asserting that Congress has no power to interfere in any way with slavery. The Whigs are opposing and the Democratic members supporting the Resolution. A final vote has not been taken.

Tenn. Pat.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GEORGE A. FOSTER, TAILOR.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing the citizens of Holly Springs and its vicinity that he has taken the stand lately occupied by Messrs. Hayden & Cummings as a Store House, where he intends carrying on the

TAILORING BUSINESS.

and hopes from his knowledge of the business to receive a liberal patronage. He has worked in some of the most fashionable towns in the Western States and pledges himself to execute work confined to him with neatness and all possible despatch. He also informs the public that he has made arrangements to receive from the Eastern Cities the fashions twice a year.

Holly Springs, March 8, 1839.

CLOCK AND WATCH-MAKING.

The subscriber now occupies the stand formerly occupied by Fleshart & Debutts, where he will be happy to receive the orders of all who will favor him with their patronage. He flatters himself he can give complete satisfaction to those who favor him with orders for work in his line: Gold and Silver Smithing—Clock and Watch making.

F. FLESHART.

Holly Springs, March 8, 1839.

The State of Mississippi.

Lafayette county.

Neal McColl, vs. Minor S. Sims—Attachment for \$150.

The attachment in the above stated case having been returned into the clerk's office of the Circuit court of said county duly executed.

Notice is hereby given that unless the defendant shall appear on or before the next term of our Circuit court for said county, to be holden at the court house in the town of Oxford, on the 2d Monday of May next, to plead, answer or demur, judgment will be entered against him and the estate so attached will be sold to satisfy said debt.

Witness Claiborne M. Phipps, clerk of said court at office, on the 25th day of February, 1839. C. M. PHIPPS, clerk.

March 8, 1839. 6t printer's fee 7 00

The State of Mississippi.
Lafayette county.

William B. Sims vs. Minor S. Sims—Attachment for \$350 00.

The attachment in the above stated case having been returned into the clerk's office of the circuit court of said county duly executed.

Notice is hereby given, that unless the defendant shall appear on or before the next term of our circuit court for said county, to be holden at the court house in the town of Oxford, on the 2d Monday of May next, to plead, answer or demur, judgment will be entered against him, and the estate so attached will be sold to satisfy said debt.

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March 8, 1839. 6t printer's fee 7 00

The State of Mississippi.
Lafayette county.

Horatio Nelson, vs. Minor S. Sims—Attachment for \$80 00

The attachment in the above stated case having been returned into the clerk's office of the circuit court of said county duly executed.

Notice is hereby given, that unless the defendant shall appear on or before the next term of our circuit court for said county, to be holden at the court house in the town of Oxford on the 2d Monday of May next, to plead, answer or demur, judgment will be entered against him, and the estate so attached will be sold to satisfy said debt.

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March 8, 1839. 6t printer's fee 7 00

The State of Mississippi.
Lafayette county.

Samuel Craig vs. Horace R. Ward—Attachment for \$320 76.

The attachment in the above stated case having been returned into the Clerk's office, of the Circuit Court of said County levied on the following lands (to wit) the North East quarter of Section 25, Township 8, of Range 4, west; North West quarter of Section 32, Township 6, of Range 4 west; Southeast quarter of section 1, of township 7, of Range 3 west, and the Northeast quarter of Section 32 of township 8, in Range 3 west.

Notice is hereby given, that unless the defendant shall appear, give special bail and plead on or before the next term of our Circuit Court for said County, to be held at the court house in the town of Oxford, on the 2d Monday of May next, judgment will be entered against him, and the estate so attached will be sold to satisfy said debt.

Witness, Claiborne M. Phipps, clerk of said court at office, on the 2d day of March 1839. C. M. PHIPPS, clerk.

March 8, 1839—6t Printer's fee 10 50

The State of Mississippi.

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Saying located himself at Oxford, Lafayette county, will practice in all the courts of the Eighth judicial circuit, Miss.

All business confided to him will be promptly attended to.

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